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In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.-4. (Canceled).

5. (Previously Present) A headlamp including a lens, a housing, and a flexure member positioned between the lens and the housing, said flexure member having a flex modulus and a tensile modulus that vary along a longitudinal direction between the lens and the housing, said flexure member is made of two or more different materials that have different flex modulus and different tensile modulus.

6.-7. (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) A headlamp assembly including a lens, a housing, and a flexure member positioned between the lens and the housing, wherein the flexure member has a plurality of ribs that extend in a longitudinal direction between the lens and the housing, and wherein the ribs have a constant cross-sectional shape and constant cross-sectional dimensions transverse to the longitudinal direction between the lens and the housing.

9.-11. (Canceled).

12. (Previously Presented) A headlamp assembly including a lens, a housing, and a flexure member positioned between the lens and the housing, the flexure member including intersecting surfaces and a preformed bulge at the intersection of the intersecting surfaces.

13. (Previously Presented) A headlamp assembly including a lens, a housing, and a flexure member positioned between the lens and the housing, the lens including a guide, and the housing including a guide track engaging the guide for controlling the direction of movement of the lens during an impact.

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14. (Previously Presented) A headlamp assembly including a lens, a housing, and a flexure member positioned between the lens and the housing, the flexure member having undulations.

15. (Previously Presented) A headlamp assembly including a lens, a housing, and a flexure member positioned between the lens and the housing, the flexure member having a sinusoidal longitudinal cross section.

16. (Currently Amended) A headlamp assembly including a lens, a housing, and a flexure member positioned between the lens and the housing, and hollow tubes extending transversely through the ~~flexible~~ flexure member.

17. (Previously Presented) A headlamp assembly comprising a lens, a housing, and a flexure member extending between the lens and the housing, the lens and the housing having interactive elements guiding movement of the lens relative to the housing during an impact, whereby the direction of deflection of the flexure member during an impact is controlled.